

CITY OF TUCSON SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION (SBC)
MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006

Ward III - Council Chambers
1510 East Grant Road
Tucson, Arizona 85719

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.

Members Present

Joanna Dinan, Chair	Don Windmiller, Vice Chair
Marion Hook	Lola Kakes
Eva Macias	Britton Dornquast
Katharine Kent, P.E. CEM	Diane Castro
Jan Gordley	Deb Turner
Joe Higgins	Deitrich Benjamin

Members Absent/Excused

Leonard Gulotta	Kendall Morgan
Richard Krone	Eddie Escalante

Others Present

Council Member Karen Uhlich, Ward 3
Jeff Sales, Mayor's Office
Miguel Ortega, Ward 3
Paul Durham, Ward 6
Bill Dorgan, Dorgan and Associates
David Mahmoodi, Presenter
Kathleen Skinner, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Laurel Parker, Arizona Department of Transportation
Marie Miyashiro, Arizona Department of Transportation Consultant
Jim Glock, City of Tucson Transportation Department
Karen Leone, Rio Nuevo
Ellen Hitchings, City of Tucson Finance Department
Kathy Maish, City of Tucson Finance Department

2. Approval of the April 27, 2006 Minutes

Unanimously approved and accepted. Motion by Britton Dornquast, 2nd by Don Windmiller.

3. Chairperson Report

- Women in the Balance Conference – June 14

4. Call to the Audience

No response

5. City of Austin Visit, Council Member Karin Uhlich – Discussion

A group of people from the City and County traveled to Austin, Texas to see what the City of Austin is doing to promote and support businesses. Council Member Uhlich spoke about her observations during the trip.

6. Rio Nuevo Update – Presentation/Discussion
Karen Leone of the Rio Nuevo Office gave an update. She distributed a new brochure/folder.
7. I-10 Widening Project – Update/Discussion
Laurel Parker from ADOT distributed a packet of information. Marie Miyashiro is ADOT's business consultant for the I-10 Widening Project. She will be consulting with both large and small businesses in the area of the widening project. From July 11 through September 27, the goal is to interview affected businesses to assess impact.
8. Services and Assistance Needed for Small Businesses – Presentation by David Mahmoodi
David, a high school senior at BASIS School, presented his report on assistance to small businesses provided by the City of Tucson. David's report will be e-mailed to commission members, Mayor and Council, City Manager, and TREO.
9. Update on TREO's Roundtable Discussions of the City's Development Services Department – Update/Discussion
Update was given by Joe Higgins. Members received a handout.
10. Commercial Recycling Recommendation – Discussion/Action
Letter to be sent to Mayor and Council with the Small Business Commission's recommendations was discussed. Motion by Katherine Kent, 2nd by Britton Dornquast, unanimously approved.
11. Call to the Audience
Karen Leone of Rio Nuevo invited SBC members to come downtown to see the "shows".
12. Future Agenda Items
 - A-Frames – Joe Higgins
 - Business License and Tax Reporting Subcommittee Update
 - I-10 Widening
 - Joe Snell – TREO, Inc.
13. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm. Motion by Don Windmiller, 2nd by Katharine Kent.

NOTE: It is the intent of these meeting minutes to get the general meaning of the discussion, summarize what happened, and record official actions. The minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcription of all that was said. Audiotapes of the meeting are available for review at City Hall, Finance Department/Revenue Division, 255 West Alameda, 2nd Floor West.